

Cayuga County Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday August 27, 2019

Members Present: Dr. Cassandra Archer
Mr. Keith Batman
Ms. Aileen McNabb-Coleman
Mr. Tim Fessenden

Members Excused: Dr. Brian Brundage
Dr. John Cosachov
Mr. Ralph Battista

Guests: Mr. Henry Barrette
Ms. Natalie Palmer

Staff Present: Kathleen Cuddy, MPH
Eileen O'Connor, PE
Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN
Janine Clifford
Megan Bell
Dr. Philip Gioia-Medical Director

Public Health Director: Kathleen Cuddy, MPH

Kathleen updated the Board of the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations update project. The internal workgroup had a meeting prior to the Board of Health meeting and they are still working through all the comments that came in online and from the two public meetings. They are categorizing them and working on responses to post online. The group will get together again in the next two weeks to finish the comments and prepare a document that can be shared with the Steering Committee and the extended working group. There will be communication with Onondaga and Tompkins Counties again. Following that the final document will be shared with the City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco for their consideration and approval. Mr. Batman asked if the City and Town would be having public meetings to discuss the document and Kathleen shared that she was not sure what their process would be.

Kathleen discussed the Lead program updates that are slated to take effect in October. She was hoping to have a little more information regarding the new monitoring requirements being laid out by the State. They did have a conference call with the State Department of Health, but the State was unable to offer much information in regards to additional funding and the potential of pushing the start of these new requirements back from October 1, 2019 until April 2020.

The Health Department has several emergency preparedness drills coming up over the next 6-8 months. The first of these drills will be this week on Thursday August 29, 2019. It is a phone bank drill to test our capability to handle large volumes of phone calls from the public after a do not drink order was issued. The Health Department has been working with IT to test this

capability and are hoping it will be a huge asset. Staff will also participate in an EOC drill with Denise Spingler from 911 and Steven Lynch from the Emergency Management Office. The scenario will again be a do not drink order.

We will also be doing a slightly larger scale preparedness drill where staff will be required to simulate receiving assets from the SNS; inventorying the assets and then sending them to a distribution site; where staff there will be required to receive the assets and set up a POD. We have until the end of March to complete this drill, the plan is to try and accomplish this in early 2020. We will be testing our BOCES distribution site.

Director of Environmental Health: Eileen O'Connor, PE

Eileen updated the Board on a Hydrilla project that was taking place on Cayuga Lake near Don's Marina in Genoa. The Army Corp of Engineers notified the Health Department that they would like to apply a pesticide called endothall to eradicate the Hydrilla in this area. The date of treatment was scheduled for August 22nd. Health Department staff created a fact sheet about the pesticide for the Army Corps to mail to all owners of properties within a ½ mile north and south of the treatment area near Don's Marina. Health Department staff was also planning to go door-to-door in this notification area a few days before the application to ensure that renters were aware of the treatment and knew about the restriction to not swim in the area for at least 24 hours. The week before the scheduled treatment our office received a call alleging that the application was occurring at that time. Eileen called the Army Corp of Engineers who checked into the allegation and learned that the subcontractor hired to apply the chemical had made a mistake and had in fact made the application on the wrong day. Eileen called her staff in from the field who then went door-to-door to let residents in the area know that the pesticide had been applied early and to avoid swimming until the next day. Reverse 911 was also used to notify homeowners in the area. The Atwater Association, a small public water supply in the area, was issued a do not drink advisory until samples came back showing that no endothall was present in their drinking water.

Director of Community Health Services: Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN

Nancy shared an immunization update with the Board, things are starting to pick up with everyone going back to school and the new regulations no longer allowing for religious exemptions. Last year Health Department staff met with school nurses and staff from the regional health department office in Syracuse to discuss school immunization readiness and the measles outbreak. Kathleen, Nancy and Kevin also went to the superintendent's spring meeting to discuss the 14 day exclusion regulation. The intent is to have superintendents on the same page as their nursing staff regarding enforcement of the 14 day exclusion.

Nancy provided some statistics regarding clinic and how many we have operated so far this back to school season. Since July we have had 11 clinics and we have another 12 scheduled before October 1st. We will most likely have to add more as currently our clinics are full up to the 14 day exclusion deadline which for most schools is September 17th.

Nancy also shared that last year we had a couple of pediatric offices reach out to us because they were having a hard time getting VFC vaccines in their office. We reached out to the State on their behalf and NYSDOH stated they were working very hard to not have that happen this year.

If any offices are struggling with ordering to please reach out to the local Health Department and they can work with the State to assist them.

We utilize the Department's Facebook page to promote our clinics and vaccines and often we receive some negative feedback especially from those who are displeased with the new regulations no longer allowing for religious exemptions.

Nancy shared with the Board an interesting new Lead case that we have. The poisoned child was accompanying their sibling to a 9 month old well child check. The physician was doing a finger stick lead test on the 9 month old and it came back slightly elevated. The physician decided to test the 2 year old as well even though the 2 year old had already had two previous lead finger sticks that came back normal. The finger stick of the poisoned child came back 42bll and the child ended up having to be chelated. The Health Department wanted to commend that physician for appropriately retesting the sibling of their primary patient. Our county has a testing rate of 50% for 1 and 2 year olds and the Health Department reminds everyone that screening should take place until the age of 6.

Nancy explained a little more about the phone bank drill that will take place this week. There has been lots of cooperation between the various Health Department divisions and other county departments. Planning reached out to the LEPC and they collected various questions that the public may have if we were to issue a do not drink as a result of a Harmful Algal Bloom. The lifeguards at Emerson Park also collected questions from residents when the beach was closed earlier this summer.

Nancy shared some photos from WIC's Big Latch event at Hoopes Park earlier in August. The event promotes breastfeeding and coincides with world breastfeeding week. Nancy also shared that the Health Department is co-hosting a breastfeeding conference in late September and the Cayuga Community Health Network is offering two scholarships to Cayuga County physicians that would like to obtain their CLC training.

Nancy is on the Corporate Compliance committee and shared that the county is working on an updated HIPAA policy.

Meeting officially called to order at 12:53pm

Mr. Henry Barrette and Ms. Natalie Palmer appeared before the Board to request an appeal to the Hearing Officer's decision. Mr. Barrette, the owner of the property, and Ms. Palmer, the owner of the business at the property, have signed purchase agreements to transfer the property to Ms. Palmer, but have not yet closed on the sale. Mr. Barrette and Ms. Palmer shared pictures of some things that have been done at the property to help keep the septic system operational. Mr. Barrette said the septic system was currently working. Mr. Fessenden asked if there were any tenants in the apartment above the store and Ms. Palmer stated that there are currently 2 tenants in the apartment. They did have an engineer look at the system, but he was unable to develop a plan for improving the system due to the limits of the property. Eileen said that staff had visited the property earlier this week and the septic system was still failing. The Board said that the information presented would be taken into consideration.

Minutes of June 25, 2019: With no questions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Keith Batman and seconded by Dr. Archer. The minutes of the June 25, 2019 Board of Health were approved as written.

Director of Administrative Services: Janine Clifford

Board reviewed claims from warrants dated 7/16/2019 and 8/5/2019. They also reviewed credit card statements from 7/28/2019 and 8/14/2019. With no questions a motion to approve the claims and credit card statements was made by Keith Batman and seconded by Dr. Archer with all others in attendance in favor.

Director of Environmental Health: Eileen O'Connor, PE

Eileen reviewed the Hearing and Consent Orders:

The Board reviewed the Barrette Hearing Officer's decision. After discussion a motion by Dr. Archer was made to approve the Hearing Officer's decision on the Barrette property. A second was made by Mr. Tim Fessenden. Ms. McNabb-Coleman requested that Health Department staff have a conversation with Ms. Palmer regarding the potential options for repair. The motion passed unanimously.

The remaining Hearing and Consent orders were voted on separately with the exception of the Martin hearing which will be reviewed by the Board in September.

Indian Head Golf Course- Aurelius (T)

Dugan's Country Grill- Scipio (T)

Long Point Winery- Ledyard (T)

Cecchini Property- Fleming (T)

Ely Properties- Brutus (T)

Glanville Property- Scipio (T)

Kent Property- Brutus (T)

Lakebreeze Subdivision- Cato (T)

A motion to approve the Hearing and Consent orders was made by Dr. Archer and seconded by Keith Batman all in attendance in favor.

Medical Directors Report: Dr. Gioia

Dr. Gioia shared information on seasonal injury prevention and discussed the new regulation for school vaccinations regarding religious exemptions.